

Chatham Township Environmental Commission
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Minutes of the Tuesday, June 5, 2012 CTEC Meeting

The meeting of the Chatham Township Environmental Commission convened on Tuesday, June 5, 2012 at the Township Municipal Building. In attendance were CTEC members S. Carroll, D. Stillinger, Township Committee Liaison Kathy Abbott, Shankar Krishnan, Matt Palmer, Frank Esposito.

CTEC'S PURPOSE: to undertake projects and make recommendations concerning the protection or use of natural resources, including water resources, located within or directly affecting Chatham Township.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT -- The meeting schedule for 2012 is posted on the main bulletin board at the Township municipal building and mentioned on the Chatham Township website at www.chathamtownship.org. It has also been published in the Chatham Courier and Daily Record newspapers. The public is cordially invited to attend all meetings, join the discussions and participate in projects.

The Chatham Township Environmental Commission's goal is to provide a responsible environmental viewpoint to Township committees and boards and to undertake projects with a strong educational component in order to inform officials and residents about constructive actions that can be taken to preserve the environment.

CTEC AND GREEN TEAM MEETING DATES FOR 2012 AND JANUARY 2013.

Every first Tuesday (except no meeting in July) at 7:15 PM at the Chatham Township Municipal Building:
Second Tuesday, Jan 10, 2012, first Tuesdays Feb. 7, March 6, April 3, May 1, June 5, July no meeting, August 7, Sept. 4, October 2, November 6, December 4, and January 8 (second Tuesday), 2013.

CTEC and Green Team minutes from April 3 and May 1, 2012 were approved.

Green Team Meeting. S. Carroll, Green Team Chair.

- NRI revision is progressing well. Aiming for substantial completion by August 1.
- After two Saturdays gathering signatures at the recycling center Steve reports that almost 100 people have taken the Green Challenge. The Sustainable Jersey Action will probably be achieved.
- Green Team will pursue Sustainable Jersey NJ Wildlife Protection Action.
- Aquifer recharge and sustainability should be discussed in the NRI.

REVISED STEEP SLOPES ORDINANCE – Memo sent to Township Committee urging adoption of ordinance proposed by Planning Board. Memo unanimously approved by CTEC.

APPLICATION/ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT REVIEW

NEW. Eveleth, 340 Lafayette Avenue, B 102.11, L 10.01. 3-14-12. Application to Board of Adjustment for variances to enlarge a house near a stream and wetlands. Suggest the Board of Adjustment require an LOI. Memo to Board of Adjustment approved.

NEW. Southern Boulevard Estates, LLC, 72 Southern Blvd., B 69, L 15. 4-26-12. Application to NJDEP for LOI. Letter to NJDEP approved.

PENDING. Currie, 43 Susan Drive, B 20 L 15. 7-22-11. Application to Board of Adjustment for variance for proposed single family dwelling on steep slopes. This parcel is on the lower side of the road near where a previous construction project caused damage to downslope neighbors. Memo was sent from CTEC to BOA.

PENDING. Rolling Knolls Superfund site at the end of Britten Road. No new information. It was specifically excluded from the market garden ordinance.

REPORTS

Planning Board report. L. Caprioglio - Planning Board liaison. No new issues.

Township Committee report. K. Abbott - Township Committee member. Safe Routes To School project is moving forward.

Open Space Committee report. S. Krishnan - Open Space Committee liaison. Open Space Committee is pursuing creation of a trail on the Averett acquisition.

Community Education and Outreach Committee report. No report.

Communications Committee report. F. Esposito - Chair. Website is getting better and better.

Recycling Committee report. F. Esposito, Chair. Approved memo to Township Committee concerning purchase of recycling storage bags for Heritage Greene. Video has been nominated for an award.

DISCUSSION/ACTIONS

- 10th Annual Cleanup, Saturday, April 21, 2012. Trail improved, bridge constructed and installed and over a dozen bags of trash removed.

RECENT LETTERS SENT

- May 2012. Letters to NJDEP and NJBPU urging conditions before granting PSE&G an Individual Wetlands Permit for disturbance along the Branchburg-Roseland right-of-way.
- April 2012. Memo to Township Committee urging adoption of the Planning Board's version of a steep slopes ordinance.
- March 2012. Memo to NJDEP concerning wetlands permit application for building improvements, Simonfay, 118 Westminster Road, B 48.10 L7. Memo to NJDEP concerning wetlands permit application, PSE&G gas line maintenance.
- February 2012. Memo to Board of Adjustment concerning Currie, 43 Susan Drive, B 20 L 15, building on steep slopes.
- January 2012. Letter sent to Township Committee urging purchase of a gas rather than diesel backup generator for the sewage treatment plant at Chatham Glen.

MAIL RECEIVED

- Minutes of meetings of Chatham Borough and Long Hill Environmental Commissions.
- Notices and flyers.

ADJOURN 9:45 PM

Dot Stillinger
Chair